

Background Information

The CFDC was established on August 20, 2002 to address the concerns of the community and was originally named the Wilmington Mayor's Committee of People with Disabilities.

The mission of the CFDC is to improve and enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities living in Wilmington and the Cape Fear Region.

In August 2012, the members voted to change the name of the group to the CFDC to show support of those in the Cape Fear Region as well as those in the City of Wilmington.

The goals and mission remain the same, but the Commission hopes to reach many more members of the community.

Commission members include Cape Fear Region citizens, representatives from Coastal Horizons, the Wilmington disAbility Resource Center, WAVE Transit, the City of Wilmington, UNCW and other service organizations from the Community.

For More Information

***Call the City of
Wilmington:***

***910-341-5876 or TTY
Relay 711.***

or

***Contact either the
Chairman:***

***David Morrison:
910-508-3849***

or

Co-Chairman:

***John Edge:
910-297-7164***

Or

**Persons with special needs
may request information by
using the**

Website:

[http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/
city_clerk/mayoral_committees/
cape_fear_disability_commission
cfdc](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/city_clerk/mayoral_committees/cape_fear_disability_commission/cfdc)

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THE CAPE FEAR DISABILITY COMMISSION (CFDC)



MISSION:

*To improve and enhance the quality of
life of people with disabilities living in
the Cape Fear Region.*

MEETING TIME:

*The third Wednesday of each month in
the Human Resources Training Room
at the New Hanover County
Government Center off Racine Drive
at 10:30am*

Objectives & Goals

Objectives:

Our mission can be best realized through advocacy for the following:

- Reduction and elimination of barriers in the community for people with disabilities, including but not limited to barriers related to attitude, communication, employment, housing and transportation.
- Increase participation in all aspects of our community.

Committee Goals:

Continue work toward:

1. To collaborate with the Mayors of New Hanover County, County Commissioners, City Council and County/ City Staff on local issues impacting citizens with disabilities.
2. To provide public educational forums.
3. Recruit new members.
4. To recognize those in the community who make Cape Fear Region a better place for all.

Commission Achievements

- Established a community Disabilities Blog to increase communication and awareness.
- Continued collaboration with Wave Transit to improve public transportation services.
- Provided informational speakers at meetings.
- Began extensive research and collaboration with local organizations concerned with accessible parking issues.
- Developed a sub-committee to coordinate with the city to build the Miracle Field.
- Worked with City of Wilmington to improve curb-cuts throughout the city.

Current Projects

Miracle Field

CFDC is proud to partner with the Miracle League of Wilmington, a program supported by Accessible Coastal Carolina Events Sports and Services (ACCESS). Access strives to provide accessible recreational activities to persons with disabilities while creating an environment that is inclusive to people of all abilities.

D.E.A.M.

Every October is Disability Employment Awareness Month. Locally, the CFDC and Vocational Rehabilitation partner to recognize Employers that hire people with disabilities and also to recognize employees with disabilities.

Business are nominated along with employees and a committee selects an Employer of the Year and a Community Service Award.

Awards and certificates are presented to those that are recognized and a reception follows the ceremony.